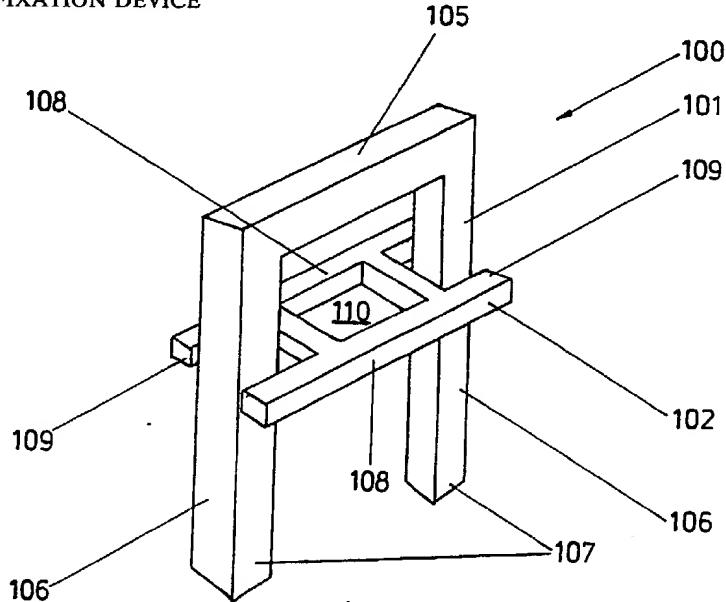




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(57) Abstract

There is disclosed a fixation device (100) for securing a prosthetic ligament (103) to a bone (104) and which comprises a bone staple (101) having a head portion (105) by means of which the staple can be driven into the bone, and a pair of legs (106) extending from the head (105) and having ends (107) engageable into the bone, characterised by a stirrup (102) for guiding the driving movement of the staple (101) and arranged also to cooperate with the staple in order to enable the prosthetic ligament (103) to engage the staple and the stirrup and to be securable to the bone (104) upon completion of driving of the staple (101) into the bone, the stirrup comprising two generally parallel side portions (108) which define guides (109) to receive the legs (106) of the staple and to guide the driving movement of the legs, and also defining an aperture (110) through which the ligament (103) can be taken prior to securing of the ligament to the bone.